THE RESOLUTION OF Sr Marmaduke Langdale

Concerning the relieving of

The Lord *Goring*.
The Lord of *Loughborough*.
The Lord *Capel*.
Sir *Charles Lucas*, and the rest of the Officers and Souldiers

NOW

Blocked up in the Town of *Colchester*, by the Lord Generall *FAIRFAX*. And their further proceedings touching Major Generall *Lambert*; agreed upon by a Councel of War, and assented to by most of the Colonels and Officers in the Northern Army.

Likewise the Lord *Goring's* Letter to Sir *Marmaduke Langdale*, and his further Resolution and proceedings thereupon.

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Sir *Marmaduke Langdale*, concerning the Lord Generals blocking up of the town of *Colchester*.

Honoured Sir,

SIr *Marmaduke Langdale* having received Letters from the Lord *Goring*, intimating their unfortunate ſucceſſe in their late Engagement with the Kentiſhmen, and how they had croſt the River of Thames, thereby to carry on their Deſign with more ſafety, and prevent the ſudden falling on of the Lord General with his army, reſolved not to engage with his army againſt Major Gen.

Gen. *Lambert*, but to keep them in a compleat and intire Body, for their future preſervation, and preſent encreaſing; and thereupon ſummoned in moſt of his Colonels, Lieutenant-colonels, Majors, and Captains, who preſently called a Councell of War, at which it was reſolved to retreat towards *Carliſle*, which they did accordingly, but in their Retreat, ſome of their Rear-guard who lay plundering up and down the country, had quarters provided for them by a party of Major Generall *Lamberts* Horſe, who fell upon them neer *Braugham* caſtle, and took divers priſoners, with great ſtore of good pillage which they had taken from divers wel affected of the country.

Diviſions and diſtractions increaſe dayly in their army, eſpecially amongſt the Superiours and Officers, who have continuall diſputations upon ſeverall differences, ſome being deſirous to have a ſtrong party of Horſe and Dragoones ſent Southward for the relief of the Lord *Goring* and his army; others declaring againſt it; ſaying, *That they had rather keep one Body in a defenſive poſture, then to hazard both*, which indeed was the expreſſion of Sir *Marmaduke* himſelf, who ſtands much againſt the dividing of his Army, and will by no meanes aſſent to thoſe Propoſitions for the ſending of a party into the South, but hath reſolved to oppoſe the proceedings thereof, and to keep his Army in the North, untill ſuch time that the additionall Forces from *Scotland* are joyned with him.

Hee hath had ſeverall invitations (as we hear) from Sir *Charles Lucas*, to ſend Sir *Philip Stapleton* with a party of Horſe and Dragoons to their aſſiſtance, but would not aſſent thereto.

As alſo, a Letter from the Lord *Goring* and Generall *Haſtings* to the ſame effect: wherein they intimated their Deſires to have ſome additionall Forces ſent downe unto them

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for the better and more ſecure mannaging of the great[illegible] in hand, declaring *That if it pleaſed God to give them victory in the South, they need not fear the day in the North*; but all could not prevaile for he had fixed his reſolution to the contrary; *and therefore called a Councell of* War, *to conſider what ſhould be done for their greateſt advantage and ſafety, & after ſome diſputation thereupon, it was reſolved by the major part, that no Forces ſhould be ſent Southward, untill ſuch time that the additionall Forces were come in unto them from* Scotland, *together with ſome Armes and Ammunition, but it is hoped that he will come ſhort of his expectation.*

We have ſeized on two Caſtles in the North, which was in the poſſeſſion of Langdale *and his party, we purſed him through the greateſt part of* Weſtmerland, *untill he came within* 12. *miles of* Carliſle, *where they received a ſtrong Allarum, and barracado'd up their Gates.*

The Major Generall is now in Penreth, *and his Army quartered in the towns adjacent, conſiſting of about* 3000. *Horſe and Foot. Col.* Dodding, *Col.* Booth, *and the reſt of the Lancaſhire Forces are expected to joyn with us very ſuddenly, and I hope they will be here ſeaſonably.*

The happy tydings of reducing Kent, *and the ill ſucceſſe of* Goring *in* Eſſex, *hath quite broke the hearts of the Eneny here, who are fearfull that the Lord General will advance with a great ſtrength towards them, which cauſeth divers to diſſert the ſervice. Sir, I am*

Your devoted Servant,

From the Head-quarters neer
Penreth, 16. Junij 1648.

M. Simcock.

SIR,

His Excellency the Lord Generall hath sent a party round about on Suffolk side of the city, which have made good *Mersey Iland, and taken some prize of the enemies, which was carrying away by water:* We have also another party on the other side of the water, neer the Heath which is the harbour, or Key, to which the shipping comes, and is not half musket shot over for at least a mile from the town: there is at the Key two or three ships, which ly so low on the Water, that they cannot much annoy us. We have also made good the bridg on *Norwich* Road, and are drawing a line round about the City, the Suburbs being already in our possession: those which come out to us, do certainly affirm, that about sixty of the enemy were buried in St. *Margarets* Church yard that night which we fought with them, and many others elsewhere besides those they left behind them, which they got not again into the City. Sir *William Campion* (once Governour of *Bostol house for the King*) is dead, and Major *Eyres*, whose losse they much lament.

Col. *Baxters* Reg. was far ingaged with the enemy, & quitted themselvs with great valour: we lost in all a Major, and one or two captains, and some other officers, besides comon soldiers: the L. *Goring*, the L. *Longborough*, Sir *Charles Lucas* and

& ſeveral other eminent commanders are ſaid to be ſtill remaining in the town: they have taken Mr. *Wigmores* Waggon horſes, and ſeverall others, and mounted men upon them; but ſince that night they have been very quiet in the city, & not offered to ſalley forth: thoſe within do intimate that they would have conditions, eſpecially the Horſe which are very deſirous to depart. A Trumpeter was ſent out of the towne with a meſſage to the Lord Generall, and his Excellency pities the ſad condition of many imminent and harmleſs ſouls in the city. The Lord Generall hath hereupon ſent Letters to the Parliament this morning, to acquaint them with the affairs here, and within a day or two I ſhall be able to communicate more unto you, and the reſt of our friends, from hence, I remain

Your affectionate friend.

T. N.

From the Headquarters neer
Colcheſter June 19.
1648.

The L. Gen. ſent a Letter to the L. Goring, and others in the town in theſe words, viz.

Sir, I underſtand you have in cuſtody Sir W. Meſſam, a Parl. man and ſome other Gent. priſoners, I deſire you to permit this bearer to ſee in what condition they are, what neceſſaries they want, that care may be taken for ſupplying of them, I have about 500 priſoners of yours, if you have any of my ſouldiers priſoners, I deſire to know the number and quality of them and ſhall ſend as many in exchange which ſhall be performd by me.

17. of June 1648. Tho; Fairfax.

To which anſwer was returned in theſe words,

My Lord I deſire you will by the trumpeter ſend up a Liſt of all thoſe Gent. Officers, and ſouldiers of our party, and under our command, that are now priſoners in your Army, we ſhall upon the like occaſion, ſhew the ſame reſpect to you, and we deſire the Trumpeter may ſpeak with the beſt of quality o four priſoner s to

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let them know our endevvours for their enlargement wee have detayned your Trumpeter longer by reason of our heedely motion and action my Lord wee rest.

17. June 1648.

Your servants
{Norwich. {Loughborough.
{Arthur Capell. {Charles Lucas.

SIR,

SInce my last here hath been some action: On Fryday night last a party of the Enemies Horse made a salley out of the town, thinking to make an escape away, but being discovered by one of our Scouts, he presently rode up to the Horse-guard, and gave notice thereof to the Commander in chief, who immediatly mounted three Troops, and left two upon the guard to maintain that passage, and advanced towards the Enemy, who meeting with them, our Frontiers fired, and the rest of the Body charged in amongst them, and after a short dispute the Enemy retreated and in a great disorder made towards the town, but our men persued them even to the very gates, doing some execution, and took divers prisoners, with very little losse. Our men are very vigilant, and keeps provisions from going to them, the towne is much straightned thereof, which causeth a most dolefull & heavie cry amongst the Inhabitants.

Lexton 18. Junij 1648.

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